

REMARKS

The above-noted submission of a revised Abstract and revisions to the claims and specification are respectfully submitted prior to the initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants have hereby amended claims 1-6, and added new claim 7. Accordingly, claims 1-7 are now pending in the current application. The above-noted amended claims are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly and appropriately claim the subject matter which applicant considers to constitute the inventive contribution. No new matter is included in these amendments.

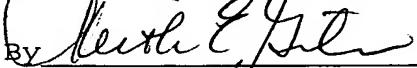
In addition, the revision to the Abstract is submitted in order to clarify and correct the Abstract and to have it conform to the requirements of U.S. practice.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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